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14 May 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : PSB Staff Meeting, 13 May 1953

25X1A 1. [] substituting for [], went with me to the meeting. 25X1A

25X1A 2. [] reviewed the items on the agenda for 14 May. 25X1A
Items 1 and 2 have been covered in my memorandum to [] of 13 May and in a memorandum from CPP to [] of the same date. 25X1A

25X1A 3. A further note on Item 3 — [] said that this item was suggested by C. D. Jackson, who is concerned with what can be done to stimulate more and better programs in this field, and that a possible solution is to assign responsibility to one particular agency on a priority basis. While he did not make clear what specific problem touching on the gray field was involved, [] and I suspect that it may be not so much what gaps there are in the gray field as what little effort is being made in the field of doctrinal warfare. If our suspicion is correct the proper approach for any future discussion of this subject would seem to be to examine what is being proposed in the field of doctrinal warfare and then determine whether it belongs in the white or gray area, rather than engage in a general discussion on the subject of gray jurisdiction. From statements attributed to Mr. MacKnight, the State Department is satisfied with the present arrangement which results from the 1951 "treaty" among State, CIA, and NSA.

25X1 4. At the meeting Bill Godel reported a Jackson Committee proposal that VOA get out of the gray field and, since CIA cannot expand its gray activities under its existing budget, it is proposed that each Ambassador decide what gray propaganda is best in his area.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED], Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : Items for Discussion at PSB Informal Meeting, 14 May 1953

1. Attached is the agenda for the meeting (Tab A). Staff comments on the several items are as follows:

a. Food for the Satellites. Attached is a draft of a memorandum for the Board (Tab B) which, I understand, will be presented by [redacted] for consideration. The paper lists the lessons of the recent discussions concerning a possible gift of food to Hungary and recommends that the paper be adopted as guidance to the member agencies in the event that at any time in the future the Board should determine that a food gift offer should be made to the people of one or more of the satellite countries. During the past week at least one meeting was held at the State Department on the subject of the food gift, and I understand the PEB proposal was rejected on 7 May 1953 by the Department of State for several reasons, which are summarized in the attached Tab C.

The majority of the CIA area divisions and PP staff elements hold views which are generally in consonance with the State Department view. It is recommended, therefore, that DCI accept the PSB staff paper for the purposes given therein.

There is the CIA opinion that the PSB paper is somewhat restrictive and that the PSB should consider immediate food gifts on a broader front for strictly psychological warfare, rather than humanitarian, purposes. Three suggestions have been made for possible courses of action, which DCI may want to inject into the discussion. These are:

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b. Discussion of Item 2 was suggested by C. D. Jackson and
[redacted] has no indication of what the content of it will be.

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c. Discussion of Item 3 was also suggested by Mr. Jackson.
[redacted] reported that Mr. Jackson is concerned with what can be
done to stimulate more and better programs in the gray field and
stated that a solution would be to assign responsibility to one
particular agency on a priority basis. We have been unable to discover,
however, specifically what Mr. Jackson has in mind.

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